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This booklet is a guide to Hungarian American churches, organizations, and events in Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania. In addition to listings of organizations and events, names of contact persons, their addresses and telephone numbers are provided. Information is furnished on: (1) Hungarian religious organizations; (2) social and cultural life; (3) educational and youth organizations; (4) fraternal associations; (5) radio programs; (6) periodicals; and (7) miscellaneous activities. The preface contains a brief historical survey of Hungarian settlement in western Pennsylvania since 1870. A calendar of events, scheduled annually by Pittsburgh Hungarian American organizations, is also included. (JD)

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INTRODUCTION

The Hungarian Ethnic Heritage Study of Pittsburgh is pleased to present a series of ten educational curriculum kits concerning the history, culture and current community life of Hungarians in Greater Pittsburgh.

The purpose of this series is to provide an easily understandable guide to the Hungarian ethnic community in Greater Pittsburgh. The ten curriculum kits can be read and understood by the interested student, teacher, and general reader. No special training in Hungarian studies is presumed.

The format of curriculum kits was chosen for several reasons. By treating specific topics separately, we wished to present to the reader, student and teacher a comprehensive view of a well-defined topic. For example, the reader interested in current ethnic life will find most of that information in kits 3 and 4, concerned with "Historic Hungarian Places" and "Hungarian Community Life," respectively. On the other hand, the historically-inclined reader will turn to kit 2, "Hungarian Immigrants in Greater Pittsburgh, 1880-1980." Another practical consideration was that teachers should be able to use each kit as a basic information source, reading material, and teaching guide on a specific topic. Those interested in several topics will probably review all kits and consult additional sources listed in each of them.

The titles of the ten curriculum kits are:

1. Children's Hungarian Heritage
2. Hungarian Immigrants in Greater Pittsburgh, 1880-1980
3. Guide to Historic Hungarian Places in Greater Pittsburgh
4. Hungarian Community Life in Greater Pittsburgh
5. Hungarian Folk Traditions Revisited
6. Hungarian Folk Arts and Crafts
7. Survey of Hungary: Past and Present
8. Hungarian Historical Sources and Collections in Greater Pittsburgh
9. Bibliographical Guide to Hungarian-American Sources
10. Teaching Guide for Hungarian Curriculum Kits.

These curriculum kits respond to the special need of the classroom teacher for relevant materials and a teaching guide to Hungarian ethnic studies. The first seven kits

introduce selected subject areas, while kits 8-10 provide guidelines for research and teaching.

Another feature of our study is that it makes available an extraordinary amount of primary source material relating to the history of the Pittsburgh Hungarian community. In the course of our research, we have identified and evaluated historical resources preserved in 13 libraries, 25 church collections, and 24 organizational archives, amounting to a total of 62 separate documentary collections. All major holdings in each collection are identified, evaluated, and annotated for the benefit of the prospective student and scholar in kit 8. To illustrate the potential value of these resources, we have used them liberally in our narrative.

This publication is not intended as the final word on Hungarians in Pittsburgh, but the first major step leading to the discovery and better understanding of the Hungarian heritage. Our primary task was to prepare an inventory of documentary resources, to present selected aspects of the Hungarian heritage, and to design guidelines for classroom teaching. We hope that the results of our work will encourage students, teachers, and scholars to explore the Hungarian heritage. We welcome such explorations and are prepared to provide assistance if requested.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all persons and organizations who supported this undertaking. We acknowledge the financial assistance provided to us by the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program of the United States Department of Education, which made our study possible. We express our special thanks to the Pittsburgh Hungarian community, to all churches and synagogues, fraternal, social and cultural organizations, as well as individuals who responded so generously to our requests. We wish to extend our appreciation to our Advisory Council, representing both Hungarian organizations and ethnic studies specialists. We appreciate also the support received from our organizational sponsor, the American Hungarian Educators' Association. Finally, as project director I wish to take this opportunity to commend the outstanding cooperation, dedication, and sustained performance, often under trying circumstances, of all study participants, and especially of their families, whose patience, sacrifices, and sense of humor made the completion of this study possible.

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PREFACE

For a hundred years Western Pennsylvania provided a home for counteless immigrants from Hungary. Many settled here permanently and set up their own communities. Although Hungarians no longer live in compact communities as they once did, they continue to support Hungarian churches, educational programs, folk art activities, and other common aspirations.

This booklet offers a reference guide to present-day Hungarian churches, organizations, and events in Greater Pittsburgh. In addition to the listing of organizations and events, we have provided names of contact persons, addresses, and telephone numbers. An annual calendar of events listing a selection of special events has also been included.

We hope that such a guide will benefit both the Hungarian community and Americans interested in Hungarian events. Our purpose was to provide a brief, yet comprehensive summary of information on contemporary Hungarian life in Pittsburgh. More detailed information can be obtained either from the contact persons listed or from the other kits of the Hungarian Ethnic Heritage Study.

1. Historical Survey

Hungarians have formed a part of the multiethnic Western Pennsylvania community for a century. The small number of Hungarians recorded by the census in 1870 increased significantly during the decades preceding the First World War, when the greatest number of Hungarians migrated to America. The next great wave of Hungarian immigration took place as a result of the turmoil created by the Second World War. The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 provided the latest significant group of Hungarian refugees, some seven hundred of whom were welcomed into the greater Pittsburgh area.

The years prior to the First World War represent the founding period of the Hungarian-American community. Even though more and more Hungarians settled in Western Pennsylvania, the new immigrants continued to feel alien in their new environment. The familiarity and support which the home village or family had supplied did not exist here, where the immigrants had only their jobs and the companionship of a few fellow countrymen. Increasingly they felt the need to establish a community life of their own.

Accident, illness, or death were primary worries as they plunged the immigrant's family into great financial difficulty. For this reason, Hungarians established sick and benefit societies, or fraternals. The City of Pittsburgh had some twenty-five such associations in 1910, while McKeesport had sixteen. The outlying smaller towns also had their own local associations or branches. The Verhovay Aid Society (later William Penn Association) and the Workingmen's Sick and Benevolent Federation were the two largest, and the most enduring, fraternals in Western Pennsylvania.

In the same period, the religious needs of the Hungarian immigrants were also gradually met. The early immigrants laid the foundations of most Hungarian churches which exist today. The first Hungarian congregations to be set up in the Pittsburgh area were formed by the Jewish immigrants from Hungary, who founded two synagogues here in the 1880s, Poale Zedeck in Squirrel Hill and Gemilas Chesed in McKeesport. The first Protestant church to be set up was the forerunner of the present Hazelwood Hungarian Reformed Church. In 1892 the congregation built its first house of worship on Bates Street, near the original Hungarian settlement in Pittsburgh. In 1904 they constructed a beautiful stone church in Hazelwood itself. The Roman Catholics were

organized by Reverend Kálmán Kovács who came to the area in 1899 and set out to build a congregation serving the Monongahela Valley. In 1901, the Hungarian Roman Catholics in McKeesport dedicated St. Stephen's Church, named for the first Christian king of Hungary. Hungarian Baptist congregations also flourished in the area, notably in McKeesport and Homestead-Munhall. Catholics of theBysztine Rite organized in Homestead, McKeesport, and Duquesne, also in the decade before the First World War.

The churches have been important in community life because of their roles in preserving Hungarian cultural traditions as well as serving the spiritual needs of Hungarian immigrants. During the "Golden Age" of Hungarian ethnic life in the Pittsburgh area, the churches provided opportunities for Hungarian language maintenance by setting up weekend or summer classes. Among the Roman Catholics, the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer maintained regular schools as well as classes in needlecrafts and music. Their contribution to the maintenance of traditions was invaluable. The children would provide the adults with Old World Christmas plays and other entertainment in their native language. The tradition of the shepherds carrying a manger around the neighborhood (*Bethlehemezés*) was one of the Christmas customs which the Hungarians transplanted into their new environment.

Hungarian social and cultural life was also fostered by the organization of social clubs, singing groups, bands, self-culture circles, drama societies, and others. They created an environment conducive to the maintenance of Hungarian traditions, while introducing the new immigrants to American values. The celebration of national holidays such as March 15, commemorating the Revolution of 1848, were held annually. In more recent years, an October 23 memorial celebration in remembrance of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution is held. All segments of the community gather on these occasions in the clubs of Hazelwood and McKeesport.

These clubs, as well as the churches, have joined forces to provide other visible examples of their ethnic pride. This spirit was especially evident in the 1920s and the 1930s. In 1926, for example, the Hungarians organized the annual Magyar Day at Kennywood Park. A more permanent manifestation of this pride is shown by the creation of the Hungarian Nationality Room in the Cathedral of Learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus. Since its dedication in 1939 this Room has provided thousands of visitors with a glimpse of Hun-

garian history and culture.

The Hungarian language press has played an important role in the lives of Hungarians in Western Pennsylvania. During the past one hundred years between thirty and forty of these newspapers or periodicals have appeared in the Pittsburgh area. They have contributed to the cohesion and cultural advancement of the Pittsburgh Hungarian community.

2. Hungarian Religious Organizations

One of the most visible organizational signs of Hungarian life in Western Pennsylvania are the churches. Many continue to serve their members in both Hungarian and English. They encourage community participation through the observance of traditional religious customs, social events, summer festivals, and other celebrations.

Protestant

Brownsville, CALVIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This church has served the members of the Hungarian Reformed faith in Brownsville and the surrounding area since the decade preceding the First World War.

Both Hungarian and English language worship services are held. The Ladies Aid Society is an active group within the church.

Reverend Alexander Jalso, 307 Spring Street, Brownsville, PA 15417. Telephone: 412-785-5745.

Daisytown, UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The mining community of Daisytown has been served by this small frame church since the First World War.

Reverend Alexander Silay, who has served the congregation since 1928, is presently in the Bethlen Nursing Home recuperating from a prolonged illness. The interim pastor at Daisytown is Reverend Jalso.

Reverend Alexander Jalso, 307 Spring Street, Brownsville, PA 15417. Telephone: 412-785-5745.

Duquesne, HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Duquesne had its own Hungarian Reformed congregation since 1912. The present modern brick church was built in 1954.

Every Sunday both Hungarian and English language worship services are held. The Ladies Aid Society is an active

group within the church. Reverend Illes is in charge of the Hungarian Reformed Radio Program aired over WEDO every Sunday afternoon.

Reverend Louis Illes, 1411 Kennedy Avenue, Duquesne, PA 15110. 412-466-2300.

Johnstown, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hungarian Reformed began organizing in Johnstown in the 1890s. The present church, having weathered several floods since it was constructed in 1902, has continued to serve the Hungarian Protestant community of Johnstown.

Every Sunday both Hungarian and English language worship services are held. The pastor also serves neighboring Windber and Vintondale Hungarian congregations.

Reverend Joseph Benedek, 711 Chestnut Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. Telephone: 814-539-2415.

McKeesport, FIRST EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

This is the older of the two Hungarian Reformed churches in McKeesport and has served its members since 1909. The present building was purchased and renovated in 1913.

The many activities of the congregation include Hungarian sausage making workshops, a Christmas bazaar, rummage sales, and participation in the annual International Village.

Reverend Eva Fabian, 134 Eighth Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-678-3427.

McKeesport, FREE MAGYAR REFORMED CHURCH

This church has served the McKeesport Hungarian community since 1922. The present modern church and rectory were built in 1972.

Every Sunday both Hungarian and English language services are held. The church sponsors a weekly bingo night. The Women's Guild is very active within the church. The congregation annually participates in the International Village celebration held in Renziehausen Park.

Reverend Dénes Tamás, 101 University Drive, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-7298.

Munhall, FIRST HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH

This church has served the Hungarians of Homestead-Munhall since 1904 and is the third oldest Hungarian Reformed church in the area still serving the Hungarian community.

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Both English and Hungarian language worship services are held.

No pastor at present. 416 Tenth Avenue, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 412-461-3345.

Pittsburgh, FIRST HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Established in the 1890s, this church served as the primary center for Hungarian Reformed in the Pittsburgh area.

Both Hungarian and English language services are a part of Sunday worship. The activities of the congregation include an annual harvest dance and Hungarian sausage making workshops. In 1980, the church celebrated its ninetieth anniversary.

Reverend Nicholas Novak, 221 Johnston Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Telephone: 412-421-0279.

Springdale, HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Since 1908 a Hungarian Reformed congregation has existed in Springdale, and since 1914 they have had their own church.

Both Hungarian and English language services are a part of the worship every Sunday. The Ladies Aid Society and the Youth Fellowship support the Christian Ministries International of Portage, Indiana, helping its evangelistic ministry in Hungary.

Reverend Imre Kovacs, Walter Lane, Springdale, PA 15144. Telephone: 412-274-9262.

Illustration 1. The First Hungarian Reformed Church in Hazelwood
Illustration 2. St. Stephen's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church in McKeesport

Roman Catholic

Beaver Falls, ST. LADISLAUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established in 1924, this church has served Hungarian Roman Catholics in the Beaver Falls area up to the present time.

A retired priest, Reverend O'Brien, is presently serving the congregation. Members of the church still enjoy incorporating the singing of Hungarian hymns into their worship.

Reverend Lawrence O'Hara, Administrator, 612 9th Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Telephone: 412-846-4585.

Daisytown, ASSUMPTION CHURCH

This mission church, organized in 1908, is presently served by the pastor of St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church of Pittsburgh.

Reverend Paul Bolváry, St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, 4735 Chatsworth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207 Telephone: 412-421-3063.

Elizabeth, SISTERS OF THE DIVINE REDEEMER

Since 1912, the Hungarian branch of this order has served the Roman Catholic community throughout the greater Pittsburgh area and in surrounding states as educators and nurses. Their Motherhouse has been located at Buena Vista in Elizabeth since 1926. In 1961 the present modern chapel and Motherhouse were dedicated.

The Motherhouse serves as the administrative center of the Order in the United States. Novitiates and retired members of the Order also find a home here. In 1976, the SDR supported establishment of Penn View Art Center as a part of their facilities at Elizabeth.

Mother M. Ignatius, SDR Motherhouse, Rock Run Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037. Telephone: 412-751-8600.

Johnstown, ST. EMERICH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established in 1905, this church has served Hungarian Roman Catholics in the Johnstown area.

Reverend Thomas J. Mahrer, 412 Sixth Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15906. Telephone: 814-536-6013.

McKeesport, ST. STEPHEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established in the 1890's, this church served as the primary center for Hungarian Roman Catholics in the Monongahela Valley.

Reverend Stephen Kato, 2125 Beacon Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-0093.

Munhall, ST. MARGARET'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Since 1923, this small church has served the Homestead-Munhall community.

Reverend Richard Molnar, 435 Tenth Avenue, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 412-461-9345.

Pittsburgh, ST. ANN'S HUNGARIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

This parish was established in 1914 in the heart of the Hungarian settlement in the Hazelwood section of Pittsburgh.

Renovations under the present pastor have restored the original beauty of the church. Included among the activities of the congregation are Hungarian sausage making workshops. The Hungarian scout troops of Pittsburgh meet at the church weekly.

Reverend Paul Bolváry, 4735 Chatsworth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Telephone: 412-421-3063.

Illustration 3. A Hungarian wedding at the Hungarian Reformed Church, McKeesport, in 1916.

Illustration 4. The Christmas tradition – BETHLEMEZÉS – in 1919 at St. Elias Hungarian Byzantine Church.

Illustration 5. The Present-day Free Magyar Reformed Church, McKeesport

Illustration 6
The present-day First Evangelical and Reformed Church, McKeesport

Illustration 7
St. Elias Hungarian Byzantine Catholic Church, Munhall

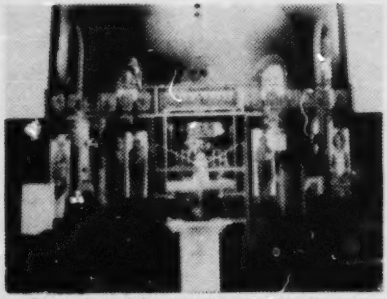

Illustration 8. Transfiguration of Our Lord Hungarian Byzantine Catholic Church, McKeesport.

Byzantine Rite Catholic

Duquesne, ST. MARY'S OF THE HOLY PROTECTION BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary's has served the Duquesne community since 1915. The present church was built in 1938.

Reverend Edward Lucas, 1209 Kennedy Avenue, Duquesne, PA 15110. Telephone: 412-466-1914.

McKeesport, TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD HUNGARIAN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Organized in 1913, this Byzantine Rite Catholic church serves the Hungarian community in the McKeesport area.

Monsignor Shereghy has a private museum collection which includes many objects of Hungarian origin. The congregation holds an annual Hungarian bazaar around Easter.

Monsignor Basil Shereghy, 121 Sixth Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-3380.

Munhall, ST. ELIAS HUNGARIAN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established in 1904, this is the oldest of the Byzantine Rite Catholic churches which has served the Hungarians in the Pittsburgh area. The congregation dedicated a beautiful new church building in 1966. The lavish interior, based upon the plans of a Hungarian-American artist/designer Endre Fazekas, will be completed in 1982.

The congregation has published a Hungarian cookbook and annually holds a Hungarian Food Fair in October. The youth are an important component of the church: the church

school is actively supported and the Hungarian Ethnic Group of Western Pennsylvania Hungarian folkdancers use the church's facilities.

Monsignor George Vida, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 412-461-1712.

Jewish

McKeesport, GEMILAS CHESED

Since 1886 Hungarian Orthodox Jews in the McKeesport area have been served by Gemilas Chesed. Since 1963 a modern facility in White Oak has become the congregation's new home.

Hungarian members of the congregation hold an annual banquet featuring Hungarian cuisine.

Rabbi Irving Chinn, 1400 Summit Street, White Oak, PA 15131. Telephone: 412-678-2725.

Pittsburgh, POALE ZEDECK

Hungarian Orthodox Jews in Pittsburgh have been served by Poale Zedeck since its establishment in 1881.

Rabbi Eliyahu Safran, Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Telephone: 412-421-9786.

3. Social and Cultural Life

Daisytown, FIRST HUNGARIAN BENEFICIAL SOCIETY

Initially founded in 1915 as a fraternal benefit society, the organization has functioned as a social club since the 1930s. The club owns its own two-story brick building in Daisytown.

Alex Tener, Secretary-Treasurer, Main Street, Daisytown, PA 15427.

Johnstown, AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN CITIZEN'S CLUB

This Hungarian social organization has served the Johnstown community since 1935.

15 Gilbert Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. Telephone: 514-536-3969.

McKeesport, HUNGARIAN SOCIAL CLUB

Formed prior to the First World War, this club has continued to serve the McKeesport Hungarian community in facilities owned by the club itself.

Illustration 9. Members of the Hungarian Social Club McKeesport, in 1931.

Illustration 10. Recreational activity in Magyar Park, 1981.

The club is the site of Hungarian dances and banquets throughout the year. The annual March 15 celebration, commemorating the Hungarian revolution of 1848-49, is held here, also.

Joseph Molnar, President, 3004 Walnut Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-678-9871.

Pittsburgh, AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN SOCIAL ASSOCIATION

This social club in the Hazelwood section of Pittsburgh has served the Hungarian community since the First World War. Since 1942 the club has owned its own facilities.

Local Hungarian organizations frequently hold special events at the Hazelwood Hungarian House (*Magyar Ház*). The club itself sponsors an annual "venison dinner" every February. October 23 and March 15, two important dates in Hungarian history, are remembered through special programs held at the club every year.

Joseph Berei, President, 120 Flowers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207.

Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PA.

Formed in 1973, this group brings occasional lecturers to Pittsburgh from Hungary and other parts of Europe.

Lectures are usually held on the campus of Duquesne University.

Steven B. and Agnes H. Vardy, 5740 Aylesboro, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Telephone: 412-422-7176.

Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN LITERATURE CLUB

This group has sought to promote an appreciation for Hungarian literature in the Pittsburgh area since its establishment in 1957.

Regular meetings of the club are held at the members' homes. Literature club members contribute to various local events through recitation of Hungarian poetry.

Isabella Youngmayer, President, 242 Rosecrest Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. Telephone: 412-824-7413.

Illustration 11 Hungarian Folk Dancers in Action

Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY

Since 1940 this group has met monthly to maintain the Hungarian heritage through presentations, lectures, and traditional celebrations.

Among the activities of the club are monthly meetings held at the downtown Pittsburgh YWCA which feature special lecturers and an annual dinner-dance held in November.

Mr. Stephen Zentay, President, 1141 Richard Rd., No. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Telephone: 412-751-8996.

Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN VETERANS FELLOWSHIP (MHBK)

This is an organization of Hungarian war veterans, formed after World War II. It sponsors several social events annually to maintain fellowship ties among its members.

Paul Szoyi, President, 107 Greensboro Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Telephone: 412-343-7380.

Rockwood, MAGYAR PARK

This is a 138-acre recreational area, managed by Pannonia Development Company. It is located 60 miles east of Pitts-

burgh in the Laurel Mountains near Seven Springs. Over sixty Hungarian families now own lots on which many are building vacation homes or more elaborate structures. There is a common recreational area including a lake with beach, a shelter, a soccer field, and tennis courts. Relaxation, recreational activities, and fellowship in a beautiful setting provide the attraction of this area.

Zoltan Toth, President, Pannonia Development Company, 9521 Anderson Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Telephone: 412-364-6546.

4. Educational and Youth Activities

Elizabeth, PENN VIEW ART CENTER

Affiliated with the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer Motherhouse, this cultural, educational nonprofit institution has been in operation since 1976.

Classes are offered regularly in a variety of arts and crafts, which may incorporate the use of Hungarian motifs and techniques. Samples of Hungarian folk art are on display at the Center. Groups are welcome to tour the facilities, but they should give advance notice.

Sister M. Edith Nemeth, Director, 999 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037. Telephone: 412-751-7821.

McKeesport, MAGYAR FOLK DANCERS

This is a recently organized Hungarian folk dance group.

Cindy Mowers, President, House 120, Smock, PA 15480. Telephone: 412-677-2892.

Pittsburgh, ETHNIC GROUP OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

This is the largest Hungarian folk dance group in Pittsburgh. They perform at various Hungarian community events as well as at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival.

The group sponsors Hungarian folk dance workshops throughout the year. They have also assumed responsibility for organizing the annual Magyar Day at Kennywood Park in July.

Mrs. Rose Gerzsenyi, President, 13585 Ann Drive, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Telephone: 412-864-0042.

Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN NATIONALITY ROOM

Since 1939 the Hungarian Room in the Cathedral of

Illustration 12.

Rev. Kálmán Kovács, founder of St. Stephen's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, McKeesport.

Learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus has displayed documents of the history and culture of Hungary to its numerous visitors.

The Room is open to the public, and guided tours are also available.

Maxine Bruhns, Director, Nationality Rooms, University of Pittsburgh, Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 Telephone: 412-624-6150/6000.

Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Since 1964 a local Hungarian girl (*Kanizsai Dorottya*) and boy (*Esze Tamás*) scout troop have helped youth of Hungarian background to enhance their ethnic consciousness.

The troops meet every Friday evening at St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church in Hazelwood.

László Ligeti, 622 Whitney Avenue. Pittsburgh, PA 15213 Telephone: 412-242-2985.

Pittsburgh, PAPRIKAS DANCE GROUP

This is a recreational folk dance group consisting of highly proficient folk dancers. They hold weekly practice sessions and perform by invitation.

Dr. Pat Crumrine, Director, 7444 Ben Hur, Pittsburgh, PA 15208 Telephone: 412-731-0730.

Pittsburgh, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

A non-credit course is offered during the academic year in Hungarian language and culture at the University of Pittsburgh.

Steven B. and Agnes H. Vardy, 5740 Aylesboro, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Telephone: 412-422-7176.

5. Fraternal Associations

Pittsburgh, WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1886 as the Verhovay Aid Association in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, the William Penn (known by this name since the 1955 merger of the Verhovay Aid Association and the Rákóczi Aid Association) has had its home in Pittsburgh since 1926. It is the largest Hungarian fraternal in the United States.

Yearly the Association provides scholarships for members' children attending college. The William Penn is in the process of developing Scenic View in Somerset County as a conference and youth center. *William Penn Life*, the quarterly publication of the Association, keeps members informed about the activities of the William Penn.

Elmer Charles, President, 429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Telephone: 412-281-8950.

Zelienople, HUNGARIAN BENEFICIAL SOCIETY

This group was founded in 1912 as a fraternal benefit society and gradually became a social club in the 1930s.

Steve Lucas, Secretary, Hazel and Market Streets, Zelienople, PA 16063. Telephone: 412-452-9955.

6. Radio Programs

McKeesport, HUNGARIAN REFORMED RELIGIOUS SERVICE

This program is sponsored by the Hungarian Reformed churches in the Pittsburgh area every Sunday afternoon on WEDO, 810 AM at 2:15 p.m.

Reverend Louis Illes, Director, Hungarian Reformed Church, 1411 Kennedy Avenue, Duquesne, PA 15110. Telephone: 412-466-2300.

Pittsburgh, "GARDEN OF HUNGARIAN SONG"

This is a weekly radio program hosted by Julia Orosz who has had her own radio show since 1938. The present musical program is aired over WPIT, 7:30 AM, every Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 PM.

Julia Orosz, Homestead Apartments, Homestead, PA Telephone: 412-462-9139.

Pittsburgh, "HUNGARIAN VARIETIES"

This bilingual weekly radio program is hosted by Dr. Victor Molnar and is aired on WDUQ, 90.5 FM every Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Victor Molnar, 515 Sinclair, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-3380.

7. Periodicals

AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZÖVETSÉG HIRADÓ
(Newsletter of the American Hungarian Federation)

The first issue of this quarterly appeared in August 1979. It provides news about the activities of the Federation.

Denes de Török, Editor, 119 Greenwood Drive Bridgeville, PA 15017. Telephone: 412-221-0268.

THE EIGHTH TRIBE

Since 1974 this monthly English-language publication has served its readers with educational articles as well as providing news notes.

Sandor Chomos, Editor, P. O. Box 637, Ligonier, PA 15658. Telephone: 412-238-9244.

MAGYARSÁG
(Hungarians)

This biweekly Hungarian-language newspaper traces its origins to the mid-1920s.

Jeno Szebedinszky, Editor, 93 Courtland Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Telephone: 412-521-6566.

WILLIAM PENN LIFE

This is the official quarterly publication of the William Penn Association. It contains news of the organization and articles of interest regarding Hungarian events and activities.

Elmer Charles, Editor, William Penn Association, 429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. 412-281-8950.

8. Miscellaneous Activities

Ligonier, BETHLEN HOME

The Bethlen Nursing Home, affiliated with the Hungarian Reformed churches in America and the Hungarian Reformed

Federation, has served as a home for the elderly since 1921.
Reverend Paul Kovacs, Administrator, P. O. Box 657, Ligonier, PA 15658. Telephone: 412-238-6711.

Pittsburgh, AMERICAN HUNGARIAN FEDERATION
Western Pennsylvania Branch

The local branch of this national organization (founded in 1907) was reorganized in 1975. The purpose of the group is to provide Hungarian-Americans with a unified representative body.

The local branch annually holds a St. Nicholas Ball around December 6. It also organizes the March 15 celebration at the American-Hungarian Social Association in Hazelwood.

Denes de Torok, President, 119 Greenwood Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Telephone: 412-221-4427.

Pittsburgh, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF HUNGARIAN CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES OF PITTSBURGH

This group has sought to serve as the umbrella organization for Hungarian institutions and groups throughout the Pittsburgh area.

Denes de Torok, President, 119 Greenwood Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Telephone: 412-221-4427.

9. Calendar of Annual Events in Pittsburgh

This calendar lists the major social and community events scheduled annually by Hungarian organizations. Further information will be provided by the contact persons listed.

FEBRUARY:

Venison Dinner (*Ozvacsora*). Hungarian Social Club, 120 Flowers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Joseph Berei, President. Tel: 412-242-5776.

MARCH:

March 15 memorial celebration. Hungarian Social Club, 120 Flowers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Joseph Berei, President. Tel: 412-242-5776.

March 15 memorial celebration. Hungarian Social Club, 3004 Walnut Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Joseph Molnar, President. Tel: 412-673-5889.

APRIL:

Hungarian Fair. Transfiguration of Our Lord Hungarian Byzantine Church, 121 Sixth Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Msgr. Basil Shereghy. Tel: 412-672-0728.

Annual Dinner. Hungarian Veterans Fellowship(MHBK). Paul Salyi, President, 107 Greensboro Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 Tel: 412-343-7380.

MAY:

Pittsburgh Folk Festival, Pittsburgh Civic Arena. Charles Cubelic, Director, Robert Morris College, 610 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Tel:412-227-6811.

Hungarian Scouts Dinner Dance. Laszlo Ligeti, 622 Whitney, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 Tel: 412-242-2985.

JUNE:

Picnic, Hungarian Ethnic Group of Western Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rose Gerzsenyi, President, 13585 Ann Drive, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Tel: 412-864-0042.

JULY:

Picnic, Hungarian Social Club, 3004 Walnut Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Joseph Molnar, President. Tel: 412-673-5889.

Picnic, Hungarian Veterans Fellowship (MHBK), Magyar Park. Paul Salyi, President, 107 Greensboro Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Tel: 412-343-7380.

AUGUST:

Magyar Day, Kennywood Park. Hungarian Ethnic Group of Western Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rose Gerzsenyi, President, 13585 Ann Drive, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Tel: 412-864-0042.

International Village, Renziehausen Park, McKeesport. Richard Gergely, Director. Tel: 412-754-0961.

SEPTEMBER:

Picnic, Transfiguration of Our Lord Hungarian Byzantine Church, 121 Sixth Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Msgr. Basil Shereghy. Tel: 412-672-0728.

OCTOBER:

Hungarian Food Fair, St. Elias Hungarian Byzantine Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, PA 15120. Msgr. George Vida. Tel: 412-461-1712.

October 23 memorial celebration. Central Committee of Hungarian Churches and Societies of Pittsburgh. Dénes de Török, 119 Greenwood Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Tel: 412-221-0268.

Grape Harvest Dance, Hungarian Social Club, 3004 Walnut Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Joseph Molnar, President. Tel: 412-673-5889.

NOVEMBER:

Annual Dinner-Dance, Hungarian Professional Society of Pittsburgh. Stephen Zentay, President, 1141 Richard Road, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Tel: 412-751-8996.

Grape Harvest Dinner-Dance, First Hungarian Reformed Church of Pittsburgh, 221 Johnston Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Tel: 412-421-0279.

DECEMBER:

St. Nicholas Dinner-Dance, Hungarian Social Club, 120 Flowers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Joseph Berei, President. Tel: 412-242-5776.

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HUNGARIAN ETHNIC HERITAGE STUDY OF PITTSBURGH

The Hungarian Ethnic Heritage Study of Pittsburgh has published ten curriculum kits that present aspects of the Hungarian ethnic heritage in Greater Pittsburgh. Following are the curriculum kits that have been published:

1. Children's Hungarian Heritage
2. Hungarian Immigrants in Greater Pittsburgh, 1880–1980
3. Guide to Historic Hungarian Places in Greater Pittsburgh
4. Hungarian Community Life in Greater Pittsburgh
5. Hungarian Folk Traditions Revisited
6. Hungarian Folk Arts and Crafts
7. Survey of Hungary: Past and Present
8. Hungarian Historical Sources and Collections in Greater Pittsburgh
9. Bibliographical Guide to Hungarian-American Sources
10. Teaching Guide for Hungarian Curriculum Kits

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